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**In re Applicant:**

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313

## ELECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed November 18, 2005, which response is being made within 30 days and for which no extension fees are due.

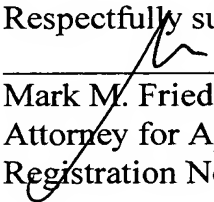
The Examiner has identified two patentably distinct inventions: Group I (claims 1-14 for chemically modified electrode), and Group II (claims 15-25 for method of electrochemical assay) and has required an election.

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-14) with traverse. Regarding Group II, Applicant wishes to point out that Group II includes linking claims 23 and 24 which link the chemically modified electrode of Group I with the electrochemical method of Group II. Applicant submits that linking claims 23 and 24 be considered part of Group I and should one of the linking claims be allowed, the restriction requirement between the linked inventions be withdrawn.

Applicant wishes to further point out that the present application deals with a single invention, the detection of poly-cyclic-aromatic compounds by means of electrochemical reduction on chemically modified electrode. It is clearly impossible to have the electrochemical reaction required for the detection without both the modified electrode and the background electrolyte.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement in light of the remarks above.

Respectfully submitted,



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